IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE S.ANANDA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO : 18851 of 2005

Date: 25.08.2005

Between:

1. P.S. Reddy, S/o. Linga Reddy,

Nalgonda and others.

PETITIONERS

Vs.

The Regional Manager,

A.P.S.R.T.C., Nalgonda Region, Nalgonda District and others

RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

This writ petition is filed by the petitioners, who are four in number, aggrieved by the action of the respondents in not granting Special Grade Increment to them, even though they have completed more than 12 years of service in the respondent Corporation as Drivers.

2. It is stated that the petitioners were appointed as Drivers in the respondent Corporation in the year 1991 and have been continuing in the same status, though they have been transferred from the region in which they were appointed to another region. It is further stated that the respondents are not considering the claim of the petitioners on the ground that they are now working in Nalgonda region, though they were originally appointed in other regions. Hence, the present writ petition.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners contended that as the petitioners have been transferred from one region to another region, they are not seeking any promotion or seniority but are only seeking the benefit of the Circular No.65/1989 dated 03.06.1989, as they have completed more than 12 years of service in the respondent Corporation in the same post as drivers. Therefore, sought for appropriate orders.

4. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Standing Counsel for the respondent Corporation.

5. It is stated that petitioners 1, 2 and 4 were appointed as Drivers in Ranga Reddy region on 01.05.1991 while the third petitioner was appointed as Driver in Mahabubnagar region on 01.05.1991. Later, the petitioners were transferred to Nalgonda region and are continuing in the same status i.e., Drivers and no disciplinary proceedings were initiated against them.

6. As the petitioners have completed more than 12 years of service as on the date, they are entitled to the benefits of Circular No.65/1989 dated 03.05.1989, for the grant of Special Grade Increment. Therefore, the respondents are directed to consider the claims of the petitioners, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, and pass appropriate orders granting benefit of Special Grade Increment, if the petitioners are continuing in the same posts of Drivers irrespective of the change in the region. On completion of 12 years, the petitioners are also entitled to the consequential benefits including arrears, if any.

7. The writ petition is accordingly disposed of. No order as to costs.

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S. Ananda Reddy, J

Date: 25.08.2005

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